

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031

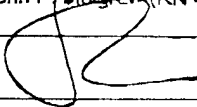
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number	09/811,579
		Filing Date	March 20, 2001
		First Named Inventor	K. WELCHMAN
		Group Art Unit	2877
		Examiner Name	Sang Nguyen
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	12	Attorney Docket Number	20002.0093

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement Claiming Small Entity Status <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below) 1. Certificate of Fax Transmission
Remarks		FAX COPY RECEIVED OCT 15 2002 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	John P. Mulgrew (RN 47,809)		
Signature			
Date	October 15, 2002		

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 			
Typed or printed name			
Signature		Date	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. WELCHMAN *et al.*

Attorney Docket No: 20002.0093

Application No.: 09/811,579

Group Art Unit: 2877

Filed: March 20, 2001

Examiner: Sang Nguyen

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATED GAME BALL INSPECTIONCERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that the following correspondence for Application No. 09/811,579 is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 308-7722 on October 15, 2002.

1. Certificate of Transmission (1 page)
2. Transmittal Form (1 page)
3. Response to Office Action (10 pages)

TOTAL PAGES: 12

FAX COPY RECEIVED

OCT 15 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800



John P. Mulgrew, Reg. No. 47,809

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: K. WELCHMAN *et al.*

Attorney Docket No: 2000P 0093

Application No.: 09/811,579

Group Art Unit: 2877

Filed: March 20, 2001

Examiner: S. Nguyen

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATED GAME BALL INSPECTION

#1010
10/10/02

Do not enter
SW 10/24/02

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

FAX COPY RECEIVED

OCT 15 2002

BOX AF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed August 13, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up copy of the claims showing insertions and deletions is attached as Attachment A. Please cancel claims 19, 27, 37-39, 40, and 44. In addition, please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A method of automatically inspecting a printed indicia on a game ball, which comprises the steps of:
- applying the printed indicia to the game ball;
 - passing the game ball through an automated inspection system; and
 - determining conformance of the printed indicia to a predetermined standard.
15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of determining conformance further comprises the step of:
- generating an analysis signal indicative of whether the printed indicia conforms to the predetermined standard.